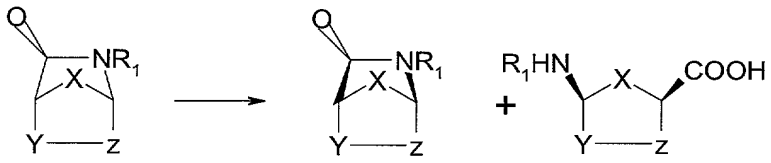
ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a process for preparation of optically active azabicyclo heptanone derivatives using lactamases that will react with racemic -lactam of formula (I) to give a single enantiomer of lactam (III) and the corresponding ring opened compound of formula (IV) in an enantiomerically pure form.



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